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To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants for increasing seasonal influenza vaccination rates, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LARSEN of Washington introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Americans
5 from Seasonal Influenza Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR INCREASING SEASONAL INFLUENZA**
2 **VACCINATION RATES.**

3 The Public Health Service Act is amended by insert-
4 ing after section 317T of such Act (42 U.S.C. 247b–22)
5 the following new section:

6 **“SEC. 317U. GRANTS FOR INCREASING SEASONAL INFLU-**
7 **ENZA VACCINATION RATES.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through
9 the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
10 vention, shall award grants to State health agencies to im-
11 plement programs to increase seasonal influenza vaccina-
12 tion rates.

13 “(b) NUMBER OF GRANTS.—Subject to the avail-
14 ability of appropriations, the Secretary shall award no
15 fewer than 5 and not more than 20 grants under this sec-
16 tion.

17 “(c) ELIGIBILITY.—A State health agency is eligible
18 to receive a grant under this section only if the average
19 seasonal influenza vaccination rates in the State involved
20 for the last three influenza seasons—

21 “(1) are below the rates recommended by the
22 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as part
23 of the Healthy People 2020 initiative; or

24 “(2) otherwise fail to meet any subsequent goal
25 for influenza vaccination established by the Director
26 of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

1 “(d) ELEMENTS.—As a condition on receipt of a
2 grant under this section to implement programs intended
3 to increase seasonal influenza vaccination rates, a State
4 health agency shall agree to include in the program at
5 least one of the following elements:

6 “(1) Increasing outreach to vulnerable popu-
7 lations, including pregnant and nursing mothers, the
8 elderly, immunocompromised individuals, and young
9 children.

10 “(2) Increasing outreach to populations most
11 likely to be exposed to influenza, including health
12 professionals and college students.

13 “(3) Encouraging employer-based vaccination
14 programs.

15 “(4) Coordinating between health care providers
16 and insurers to reduce the out-of-pocket costs of
17 vaccinations.

18 “(5) Conducting a public awareness campaign
19 on the burden of seasonal influenza.

20 “(6) Any other element determined by the Di-
21 rector of the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
22 vention to reduce infections, hospitalizations, or fa-
23 talities associated with, or the economic burden of,
24 seasonal influenza.

1 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
2 carry out this section, there is authorized to be appro-
3 priated \$10,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2021
4 through 2023.”.